To care for bim who has borne the battle, and for bis widow and orphans."

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Judge Parker's nomination to really fight it he might have some chance.

join in approval of the appointment of Gen. Black as Civil Service Commissioner. THE promptness with which all the

Panama would be very discouraging to anybody but the incorrigible Antis. wholesale jail delivery of the boodlers it their special interests, but they are very

is well to inquire into the wisdom and jus-

tice of a Government by technicalities. WE MAY want the open door in China, but the careless fellow inclined to that sort of thing in this country, in this weather, gets unpleasant things said to him.

unification purposes, can hear of a cash man, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

GREAT BRITAIN and Germany want Panama to assume \$15,000,000 of the Colombian debt. If Panama does not do any more toward paying it than Colombia did, apportionment.

THE National Civic Federation claims that in its two years of existence it has successfully settled 80 labor disputes and averted a number of other threatened troubles between employer and employe. More power to its elbow.

Jefferson Davis had the name of being the who had the fewest fights.

IN THE last 10 months we exported 20,436,155 gallons of cottonseed oil, which like to increase it, but experience has heavily. The photograph taken of the will be shortly returned to us in neatly labeled flasks as "pure olive oil." Still, if those French and Italian fellows are limit. The present rates are the highest cute enough to work this fake on us, and kick comin' in, soi?

THE Philippine friars are to go, but \$7,250,000 of Uncle Sam's bright gold will go with them in return for 400,000 acres of the best lands in the archipelago, which will be opened up to Philippine homesteaders. So two of the Islanders' biggest grievances have been removed. They are not sorry Aguinaldo failed.

#### SYNOPSIS OF PENSION LAWS. THE VETERANS have long desired a re-

vision and extension of our excellent National Tribune Soldiers' Handbook to bring it up to date with reference to the laws and rulings since its publication. This has been week we shall begin the publication, which will be of the greatest interest to all veterans and veterans' widows.

### SWINTON'S HISTORY.

Next week we shall begin the publica- being that the money so collected would be tion of that highly interesting and very applied to other purposes. valuable historical work, Swinton's History of the Army of the Potomac. In country, exhausted by the war, was strainthor's point of view and his conclusions, reading for the Winter fireside.

#### NORTH CAROLINA COMES BACK AT VIR-GINIA.

The North Carolinians will not by any means accept Judge Christian's exposi tion that Virginia was farther to the front at Gettysburg than North Carolina. The State Literary and Historical Association the part North Carolina took at Gettysburg. The map is drawn by Col. Kope. Gen. Armistead's Brigade. The Chairman the regimental histories of the State.

### CORPORAL TANNER FOR REGISTER OF

President Roosevelt has made an appointment which will heartily commend itnow, and the appointment is a deserved recognition of effective work done in rain and shine, in season and out of season, mid victory and defeat. He has always been at the service of the leaders of the party whenever they need him, whether on the whenever they need him, whether on the recognition of effective work done in rain and shine, in season and out of season, mid to pay \$20 per year. It was the same with those who practiced of the party was. It was just the one at the service of the leaders of the party whenever they need him, whether on the party whenever they need him of crushing painfulness. We are sorry for Senator Gorman. We thing that could best happen her, for her of the party was aching for home and surchard the party w now, and the appointment is a deserved a year for this privilege. If he sold goods almost equally authoritative mandates less they have a cry now and then? time from Florida. Arkansas, North Carolina Mama says that a spell of crying will of thin' whenever they need him, whether on the party whenever they need him, whether on the party like a collection of the party like a solidity and the party like as an aloud the party like as an aloud the party like as a solidity of the solidity and the party like as an aloud to the like the party like as an aloud to the like the party like as an aloud the party like as an aloud to the like the party like as an aloud to the like the party like as an aloud the party like

THE BURDEN OF TAXATION.

Incidental to the statement of \$3,200,-000,000, having been paid out for pensions is a loud wail over the burden of taxation which this has involved.

which should always be considered with

The cost per capita of the population of the pension payments has never risen above \$2.44 per annum, which was in 1803, cies from 75 cents to \$5 per \$100; coal oil, and since then it has rapidly declined, un- from eight to 10 cents per gallon; all pattil it is now only \$1.75 per capita per an- ent medicines, perfumery, extracts etc., num. Of course, this is not really a bur. paid one cent on every 25 cents of retail imposed for other reasons than those of cent a pound; sheep killed, five cents a display, bu producing revenue. For example: Much head; snuff, 20 cents a pound; sugar two the most of the \$254,444,709 of customs receipts for the year 1902 came from duties cents a pound; smoking tobacco, two to about Washington, and had spent hours imposed primarily to protect American five cents a pound. manufacturers, farmers and workingmen. It came from imposts to protect the ironmakers of Pennsylvania, the cotton-spinners and weavers of New England, the sheep-growers of Ohio, Texas, and Montana, the men who raised tobacco in Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky; who raised hemp in Kentucky and Missouri; rice in South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas; pineapples, oranges and lemons in Florida and California: raisins and grapes in California: IF SOMEBODY would think enough of the men who fish for salmon in Oregon and Washington, for cod off the coast of Newfoundland, who raise hay in New York, New England, and Michigan, and It is pleasant to note that all the papers who grow barley in New York, Michigan, in the Union has large interests which require the protection of tariff duties, and countries in the world have recognized any attempt to reduce these duties in any direction arouses at once vivid alarm and the strongest opposition. These people do not care what the Government does with SINCE the Missouri Supreme Court's the money which it collects in protecting determined that the Government shall col-

and if possible they want more collected. The same again is true of the \$271,880,-122 collected the same year by the Internal Revenue Bureau. Of this sum, \$121,138,-013 was collected on distilled spirits, three to five per cent. WANTED-An issue. Anyone having a \$51,937,925 on tobacco in its various forms real good living one, available for party and \$71,988,902 on fermented liquors. These taxes were primarily imposed largepurchaser by addressing Arthur Pue Gor- ly for the sake of regulating and controlling the production of those articles. For example: A few years ago, the dairymen, having come home, and joined the ranks from their half-confidences that they were alarmed at the rapid increase of the oleomargarine industry, insisted upon the Internal Revenue putting a tax of two cents drastic imposition. They did it as will-bright enough to help her out a good deal upon butter and cheese manufactured from she will lose no sleep over the size of the fats, and the Government collected many the field, because they deemed it no less given to trying experiments on society. million of dollars from the oleomargarine a patriotic duty to maintain the National She was a leader, too, and what she coun manufacturers, not for the purpose of pay- honor, and pay the debts incurred in saving pensions with the money, but for the ing the Union. purpose of protecting the dairymen. Part of the money probably went for the pay- he could set up a little shop and go to in her orange-colored merino, with its 15 ment of pensions, but the dairymen were work. Then he paid a tax upon all that rows of narrow black ribbon velvet and absolutely indifferent as to what use the Government made of the money. They Gov. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, is living Government made of the money. They of this a tax upon his gross receipts, and in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid William Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid William Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will am Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will am Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will am Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will am Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will am Elliott, who visited in this section in an all-wool blue delaine trimmed in a giveness, when the Adjutant, having paid will be adjutant, having paid will be adjutant.

lect every cent of the money it now does

should be kept where it is. They would the furnishing of ther little home paid fused one. shown that the present rate is about right. since it has reached the highest practical that can be certainly collected. Beyond we dumb enough to stand it, where's de that the temptation to evade the laws would be so great as to develop more "speakeasies," and other illicit production and sale of liquors, much more harmful than the present open system.

As to the taxation on tobacco it stands upon another footing. All civilized nations have made tobacco bear a large portion of the burden of the State. We have taxed it, on the other hand, quite lightly, but have kept the machinery, which cost a great deal to put in operation, still in existence, so that in any National emerrevenue as may be demanded. The tobacco dealers and manufacturers themselves have been the strongest advocates of the done by a most competent hand, and next retention of the tax. This is good Na-

tional policy. Therefore it is easy to see that if there were not a dollar paid out for pensions, our revenue system would not be altered to any appreciable extent, the difference

It was very different indeed when the many respects this is the very best history ing every nerve to pay the money-lenders of that splendid organization ever written, from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a week, prinand has commanded the praise of all crit- cipal, premium, and interest in gold. This ics. Whatever may be thought of the au- taxation was a real, very present, grinding burden. The country was in every he gives exact facts in a vivid, interesting way very much poorer than it is to-day way. It is a great story of a great army, The census of 1860 estimated the wealth To-day the wealth per capita is nearly

For many years after the war the South is preparing a map and a statement as to the burden, which rested wholly upon the

20,000,000 loyal people. of the United States Engineer Corps, and about \$7.50 per head per annum upon it shows that three men of Col. Connolly's the people who paid the taxes, or \$37.50 North Carolina regiment went 29 yards upon the average family of five, more than farther toward the Union line than did \$3 per month per family. To meet this, of the Committee is Chief Justice Walter system of taxation ever devised was im-Clark, of North Carolina, who compiled posed upon the people. Wherever it was evisceration of the Wilson Tariff Bill. possible for the Government to get money it collected it, and its tax-gatherers had their grasping hands upon everything every-day lives. Nothing escaped-nothing the Panama Canal, and would now tolerate self to the elder Republicans all over the overlooked one year, the Internal Revenue of that enterprise. It is surprising that It was just the night before we got the country, in the nomination of Corporal Act was amended the next in order to in- any man aspiring to be a leader should be news about si and Shorty. We were read Tanner for Register of Wills for the Dis- clude it. Every man who had a little shop so ignorant. The instant reply to his ing the papers about the battles, and how trict of Colombia. Corporal Tanner has or business, who shod his neighbor's horses, done service of the highest order of value or filled a prescription for drugs, or mendto the Republican party for four decades ed shoes, had to pay the Government \$10 State to vote for the treaty, followed by it funny that girls can't be real happy un-

Every head of cattle slaughtered paid 30 cents. Cigars were taxed from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per thousand. Clock movements from 5 to 10 cents; coal three and a half cents per ton; confectionary one cent per Let us put another fact in juxtaposition pound; cotton five mills per pound; illuminating gas, from five to 15 cents a thousand cubic feet; gunpowder from one to six cents per pound; hogs slaughtered, 10 cents; leather one cent per pound; lega-

> These items, selected at random, are These items, selected at random, are law-making body. Maria had been par samples of a long list of those which enticularly interested, for in a quiet but tered into the daily use all of which were forcefully way Deacon Klegg had taken heavily taxed. Railroad tickets were taxed part in the political campaigns of the three cents each.

three cents each. Among the most annoying forms of this system were the stamp duties. This is alcause the collection is assured. The collection inforces itself, and therefore does not require a vigilant officer to watch it. Every etc., all had to be stamped. They were as they had been, and they had made Wisconsin, and the far West. Every State not valid or legal if they were not. No many excellent friends. They were at medicine, perfumery, a box of matches or uation. Then, they dressed well. a bottle of toothpowder, without having knitted or felled fabrics the same. Dividends of banks and other institutions paid days, when a new dress at Easter was upon whatever they manufactured, also unquestionable. paid three per cent. upon their gross receipts. On top of this they had to pay a clared, "we will not have any. We are

> No people in the world ever submitted to such searching taxation, but the loyal Shelby, who lived next door in a big re

Every one of them had to pay \$10 before young groomsman and blushing bride in stamp; the coal they burned upon their new domestic hearth; the match which they lighted the petroleum in the lamp around which they sat in the happiness of the honeymoon, all paid a heavy tax; and, finally, they had to call upon a taxed docgency it will produce such an increase of a week in gold which were paid to the men met there were gathered from the Lord who had lent the Nation money.

This is the way the nearly \$6,000,000,-000 were raised which was paid to the bondholders, who are now complaining that vitations. they have paid \$3,200,000,000 to the men

who saved the National life. Nobody thinks, nobody feels to-day the pensions, while everybody earned that which was paid to the money-lenders by burden to the vary marrow of his bones.

## SENATOR GORMAN MUPPS HIS PLAY.

Senator Gorman made a bad fumble at the Republic of Panama. The actual fail- of homey; don't you think so?" ure of this is not of so much consequence and will afford the very best quality of of the people at \$16,000,000,000. To-day as a leader. For this last year Democrait is undoubtedly in excess of \$100,000,000. tic hopes have been centering around him 000, or more than six times as much. In as a probable Moses to lead the party out Ma was off here by herself she would get 1860 the wealth per capita was about \$500. of the melancholy wilderness of defeat and lonesome enough, and want a letter once doubts of his ability to do this in the got home or not. minds of those who have studied him carewas utterly prostrated, and paid no share fully. With all of Senator Gorman's atwhatever of the public debt, thus escaping tractive personal qualities and long experience in public affairs, he is still merely Maryland politician, with his scope of This made the annual interest charge vision bounded by the horizon of political there's a lot of early chickens, I reckon, been a National man in any sense, not even in his own party. He has never anthe most drastic, exhausting, searching and the only legislation his name has ever been associated with was the Brice-Gorman

Apparently, he was so ill-informed as to Spring." the state of public opinion as to be ab-



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Letters from Rome-Politics in Indiana. | goodness' sake, who have they got with Maria and Annabel had been having a them? Why, it is a great big black wom den upon the people, because it is drawn from a fund derived from taxes largely cents a pound; screws of wood one-half limits not over given to emotional "Let's go out to meet them." such "Let's go out to meet them," suggeste t the newness which gives zest Maria, and suiting the action to the word to an artificial existence had worn off, and the two girls ran out just in time to meet they were distinctly homesick. They had | Aunt Minerva Ann's question. cents a pound; chewing tobacco, 10 to 15 visited all the places of interest in and | "We certainly are the gals," replied in the galleries of the two Houses of Congress, quite fascinated with the National

Maria, falling in with the humor of the Minerva Ann. I'd have known you anywhere, because Will has told me so much about you. You were awful good to him Will owes his life to you.' tics at home.

The Klegg women were not politicians and they would have been shocked at sucl ways a favorite method of taxation, be- a suggestion, but the atmosphere had been about them, and they had been used t thinking for themselves, and so they had very well defined ideas about men and measures, though they seldom expressed note, every receipt, every bill of lading, the interest they really felt. It was every bond, certificate of stock, certificate strange new world into which these two of profit, certificate of damages, deposits young Western women had entered, but in banks, mortgages, insurance policies, betraying but few of the gaucheries that leases, power of attorney, protest of note, might have been expected of girls reared one dared offer for sale a bottle of patent tractive in face and manner, and had the faculty of adapting themselves to the sit-

As soon as they landed in Washington a stamp affixed to it. Candles paid a Maria and Annabel purchased materials tax of three per cent., all cloths and and set to work on replenishing their three per cent. Ferryboats, steamboats, made to do service until Christmas came street-cars, and railroads, paid three per round, and full-gathered skirts were not cent. upon their gross receipts, and all hard to fashion. Annabel's deft fingers manufacturers, after paying a specific tax and handy needle rendered great assistance, but, after all, Maria's taste was

"If we can't have good lace," she de tax upon individual incomes ranging from too poor to have the best lace, and not rich enough to wear imitation, so we will trim these dresses with velvet ribbon. So it happened that when Mrs. Senator people did it cheerfully because of the duty brick mansion and liked them, had her "day" at home, she invited them to as of supporting the Government, and fore- sist her in "pouring." Mrs. Shelby felt most among these were the veterans who, sorry for the brave young girls. She knew of producers, became prominent in these homesick enough. She was not sure just ranks and paid an unusual share of this how they would appear in her long salon ingly as they had served the country in if they caught on just right, and she was tenanced was considered correct.

So Maria did her abundant locks up in "rats" and "waterfall" in the most ap proved style, and looked every inch a lady Gov. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, is living simply wanted it collected, and finally sucup to his name as a quarreler, but he differs from his namesake in fighting. Lieut.

Gov. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, is living simply wanted it collected, and finally sucthe hackman, stepped forward to resume a year ago in company with Corporal
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Greek pattern with darker blue ribbon velthe hackman, stepped forward to resume a year ago in company with Corporal
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away, he carried with him the heart of
capacity to grass the situation. All the practical friends of temperance in which he stood up with her before the the bright way, in which they talked in the country earnestly desire that the present rate of taxation on the production present rate of taxation on the production bought for their wedding trip were laded men, and women who frequented had been peeking out from the English- in the line of duty, was wounded at the the terrible issue they had to encounter." present rate of taxation on the production bought for their wedding trip were jaded men and women who frequented and sale of distilled and fermented liquors stamped; every article that entered into Mrs. Shelby's parlors. Her invitations basement door, enjoying the meeting as same time that Mr. Klegg was, and Miss were worth receiving and nobody ever re-

They grew tired of all this, however, "It is all their proud wedding garments bore a Annabel, that afternoon. "I have had enough of society to do me the rest of my natural life, if this is the real thing. Do you suppose that it is?" she queried of Annabel. "Do society people go about with a simper all the time and pay compliments to people they would rather slap heard that Mrs. Doane say to Mrs. Shel and mothers, who had sent them forth to horrid old Senator Damner that she hated battle, were buried were furnished by a to come near Mrs. Shelby, who she contaxed undertaker and heavily taxed, to sidered the conceitedest woman living. She help provide the \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 said that Mrs. Shelby's wines were always atrocious, and that the people one only knew where.

"Then why did she come to the recep tion?" asked Annabel. "I don't suppose that anyone is forced to accept such in

"Oh, that is just it." declared Maria. 'Mrs. Doane feels obliged to be decent to Mrs. Shelby because Mr. Doane is tryernment building on, and Senator Shelby 'Influence' is a great to have to have influence to get anything done properly in Congress.

"Well, if I didn't like people I wouldn't go near them," said Annabel, as she picked up a pair of Si's socks and prepared to the outset of his leadership, in attempting darn a gaping hole. "I'm not much stuck to commit the Democratic party against Mrs. Shelby. She is real nice and kind on the society act, myself, but I do like Ann rolled into view from kitchenward. "Yes," replied Maria with a sigh, a

all not to write as can be. I just guess if disintegration. There have been grave in awhile. Here it is over three weeks the other. "Wah-fur you all bin a cryin?" and we don't know if Pa and Ma even "It must begin to look awful pretty up

there now," said Annabel musingly. iolets are in bloom down by the old cider mill, and the flags along the garden border are just rioting in purple and yellow." "Ma's setting all the hens by now, and intrigues in his own State. He has never and Mandy's making the flower beds, and declare I wish we were at home for just a little while," and Maria's voice had a suspicion of tears in it.

"Why, I thought it looked so sweet and solutely unaware that the South had at pretty the last time I staid with you all eaten, worn or used by the people in their every-day lives. Nothing escaped—nothing the Panama Canal, and would now tolerate she paused with the sock stretched over needs a lot of coddlin' an' you has ter one pretty hand and the darning needle was allowed to escape. If a thing was nothing that might endanger the success poised in air in Do you remember, Maria? proposition made by the Louisiana Legisla- the horrors of the prisoners that had been we got into a trembly sort of a way over ture instructing the Senators from that let loose, and we both had to cry. Isn't

get a measly little old advertising circular over about his successor. They wants about 'clothes for civilians.' Here, Maria, me to take the nomination by here's two leters from yer Ma, and I reckon this'ne is from Mandy. There's some home papers they sent to me: recken

the Deacon has been tellin' stories to the "Here's a letter for you, Annabel," and Si tossed it into his wife's lap, and here's one from Pap to me. Here's a little box of something—say, Maria, here's your trunk key," he added as he unwrapped the box. The letters will tell you something about the trunk I reckon

For a few minutes the four busied themselves with the long-looked-for and welcome mail, Annabel and Maria giving little exclamations of delight and regret as the tone of the letters seemed to require, while Shorty busied himself tearing the wrappers off the newspapers and spelling out the marked paragraphs. Deacon Klegg has returned from the

seat of war," read one of these, "and he thing. "And you—I'm sure you are Aunt has many interesting experiences to re late. It will be remembered that our distinguished fellow-citizen and pillar in the and Si and all the home boys. I'm sure by the serious illness of his son, who was so church was called suddenly to Goldsboro badly wounded in the fight at Bentonville. Aunt Minerva Ann's face was broaden- Deacon Klegg reports that his son was



NEWS FROM HOME.

ing in a smile that nearly took the top able to come as far as Washington with off her head. She had intended to be very Shorty, but they were so unaffectedly reached Goldsboro. much as anyone.

"And how's the Deacon and Mrs himself in a big rocking chair in the comask anybody yet. I presume they are

"Oh, how I wish we knew!" exclaime eyes, for seeing the Adjutant had brought of wedded bliss, with just enough clouds back the memories of those pleasant days to temper the sunshine of their lives." in the hospital camp. "We have not heard in Washington, and I think it very she always felt defrauded if she had to miss one, and not five minutes later, as send a trunk of clothes to Annabel and she sat on the sofa at my elbow drinking me. I begin to fear that something has ery two or three days.'

The Adjutant looked concerned. the Deacon know your house address your street and number, I mean? Perhaps they have got it wrong. I'd inquire at the Post Office, I believe. If letters have gone astray, they will probably be there waiting for you. "Have you ever been to the Post Office Will," asked Maria.

"Never thought of it," declared Short; as he reached for his cap. "Your pap didn't have our number. I know that. I guess we have been acting like a lot of country yahoos, sure enough. I never money that is paid or has been paid for him at an exorbitant price to put a Gov- thought but what our mail would come to us here like it does to everybody else."
"No more did I," declared Si, gathering the actual sweat of his brow, and felt the factor in the life here, I find. You seem his cap also. "Come on. Adjutant, let's walk down to the Post Office and see if we can't get something to liven up these girls. They are as homesick as the mischief, and if we don't look out they will

be leaving us," and off they went. Just as they disappeared, Aunt Minerva "You all has sut'n'ly got into a no 'count house. That gal down tha' is a wufless Ginny nigger what don' know no mo' 'bout as its demonstration of Gorman's defects she picked up a piece of embroidery she cookin' dan a hog does 'bout hebben. An as a leader. For this last year Democra-was doing. "And why don't we hear from dat kitchin is such a sight! I been gibhome? I think it is just as meau of them ben her some informashun 'bout how to do things for you all and de boys'

Aunt Minerva Ann broke off suddenly and looked suspiciously at one and then she demanded. "Now you bressed honey chilluns, has dese here boys been cross to you? If dey has, you jus' tell your Aunt Minerva Ann an' she'll beat dem till ebbery bone in dere ole' carcasses is broke,

deed she will, you pore lambs! Minerva that the boys had not beaten them, nor had they ever spoken a cross word to them. "They are the best boys on earth, Aunty. Maria and I have been just a little homesick to-day. You see we were never away from our mothers be-"Ma is getting fore, and it is just a bit hard." "You all aint a gittin' tired ob my boys,

taking down the bedsteads, and white- is you?" asked Aunt Minerva Ann, jealmoment before. "Ob co'se, you aint hardly fitten to take care ob men like Si and needs a lot of coddlin' an' you has ter study dere iddysincrazies, deys got a lot ob dem, deed dey has."

him, and that he is mending rapidly. Quite severe with the two young ladies who had a romance developed after Mrs. Klegg overslaughed her in the affections of Si and and her daughter, Miss Maria Klegg It will be remember the house, Aunt Minerva Ann disappear- who by the way has been made a Corporal ly estimate the character of the contest, or Klegg and he were married in the most romantic way imaginable, with all the Klegg?" asked the Adjutant as he settled honors of war. We are very proud of our himself in a hig rocking chair in the company parlor. "I have not had a chance to Elliott and Klegg return from the war. they should be greeted with the killing of the fatted calf, and the whole Township should turn out and welcome them in Marin, tears coming into both voice and loyal style. We wish them many years

"Mamma is well," said Annabel, as sh a word from them since they left us here laid down her letter, and furtively wiped her eyes," and she hopes we will soon be the shroud and coffin in which the fathers a glass of wine, I heard her say to that happened to them. We have written ev-

> "Pap has tried himself this time." debut that includes our betterhalves, of resistance to the future progress course; and clearing his throat, Si began: armies over the remainder. If Jeff Davis "'Dear Si and Shorty: The girls rite that You are doing very wel, and getting yore strength back all rite. That's good. Keep it up. Ime expecting you to clear out that big bottom on the crick this Summer, and youle need all the musel you can gather. Mother and me are looking over the papers every day anxiously for news defenders of Jeff Davis may say, the facts of the muster-out of yore regiment. They have long lists every day, but the 200th Ind. aint never nowheres among them. But it will come soon. They've been discharging a whole lot of those new regiments at was, of course, very much the best for Indianapolis. They've never gone out of the State—not even left Camp Morton—but they're sent home, while the old regiments are kept. This don't seem rite, but would have been a continual dispute as to

aging a job. Ide keep the old, trained hands to the last, and let the late-comers go first. Its according to Scripture, too. "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first." Mother is well, but worrying more about your coming home now than when you were really in the war. The likelihood of its being soon keeps her restless, and besides she misses the girls so "Things are looking unusually well on

the farm. Never saw finer wheat. Stock's Jeff Davis, and attempts to throw the reall in first-class shape. Plowing was interfered with a good deal by the rain, but is all done now. "'Politics was pretty lively at

and stock gave them too much else to March 9, 1865: think about. Spring plowing always takes a big reef in politics and religion. Never saw a revival season but would be cut the superior numbers and resources of the short by the coming on of warm, dry weather. As soon as we get our corn in, though, I expect we'll have to take up in anticipate earnest the policy of this new President. I never quite got my own consent to washing, and my room has to be white-washed and the woodwork painted this good boys as is made," she declared, loyally, forgetting her threat to beat them a too much entirely to suit me. But we will see what he'll do. "'I thought I told you that we got the

Legislature this time. The last Legisla-ture was regler Knights-of-the-Golden-Circle outfit, and you know what a time we had keeping it from taking the State out of the Union. They had 30 majority Maria laughed merrily at Aunt Minerva on a joint ballot against us, and the only Ann's lecture. "I guess we coddle them way we could block their secesh games was too much, Aunty, but they are all right, by the Union members clearing out and leaving them without a legal quorum. Sev-"Wha' did my Adjutant go to?" asked eral had to ackchelly leave the State, letthe old lady, as she discovered that he as ting their farms and business go to rack, well as the boys had disappeared. "It air until the Legislature adjourned. Well, we

farm on my hands, two boys away, the dumbed dumbest contraband that was ever foaled to work over into an American citizen and a freeman, and the Baptist Church to manage in a benighted neighborhood. So we pitched on Jabez Rumsted, over on So we pitched on Jabez Rumsted, over on Morning Glory, and decided on a gumshoe campaign. We was all to go to work like beavers, but not speak above our breath, letting the other side believe we diddent have no hopes. They'd trompled them out of us at the last election, where we got licked, after doing our best. They had a hig fight over the nomination with had a big fight over the nomination, with lots of wool-pulling, and at last Thomas Jefferson Bigby, a flat-headed young law-yer from Birdseye, with heaps of hair, got it. He went rampaging about the country, raving at all the school houses over the "Constitution and Government of our Fathers," "Nigger equality," "Aboli-tion Despotism," "Lincoln Bastiles," "The tion Despotism," "Lincoln Bastiles," "The Sacred Rights of Freemen," and such stuff, and wearing a butternut breastpin. We said nothing, but sawed wood all the time. Two days before election, old Hank Woodbury's son Sime disappeared onaccountably. Some of us knowed that hede run away to jine the army, which his old Copperhead father wouldn't let him do before. He told me be was now 16 and wear fore. He told me he was now 16, and was going anyway, and I gave him money enough to take him to Indianapolis. Day before election little Sammy Woggles said hede seen Sime Woodbury fishing in the pond of Robinson's Mill. I guess he had, but Sammy didn't but Sammy didn't say when. It was given out that the next day Robinson would draw the water off his pond, and they would look for the body. You know, Robinson's straight goods, all wool and a yard wide. He wanted to fix his dam any way. All this was rough on Hank Woodbury's feelings, supposing he had any, which a Copperhead has no use for. We kept the thing stirred up as warm as we could, without saying anything that wasn't exactly so, and we all got our votes in quietly, without any brass banding, and then encouraged our Democratic friends we met on the road to go over with us to Robinson's to see how they were getting along in the search for the body. I didn't do any of this, for I was one of the Judges of the police and I glored them promptly at the polls, and I closed them promptly at 6 o'clock. Eli Cartwright came in at 6 o'clock. Eli Cartwright came in while we was counting the votes to whisper that there were 38 Democratic votes over at the pond all day, watching the water run off, sitting on the banks and poking around in the mud with sticks. Whenever they showed any fading interest, one of our fellows, who had been at the polls and voted, would pretend to find some trace, or would go out in a canoe with a pole prodding around in the mud, and get them all to watching him from the banks, and hollering out directions to him. When the returns came in from the him. When the returns came in from the other Counties we found Jabez was elected by 38 votes, which makes the Senate a tie, and gives the casting vote to the Lieutenant-Governor, who is our kind. These are troublous times for the County,

me to take the nomination, but I told them no. I had too much to do, with my

men.

"This is a very long letter for me to write, speshully as I'me purty stiff from plowing. Your mother has rote the girls all the real news, so I will close, hoping

when all good men should stand togeth

o foil the schemes of wicked and

"'YOUR FATHER.'" (To be continued.)

WAS JEFF DAVIS RESPONSIBLE? Gen. Gordon continues to stir up the Southerners by his assertion in his article-"that to the last Mr. Davis and those John H. Reagan, who is the only survivor of Jeff Davis's Cabinet, writes a long letter, in the course of which he says:

"The evidence is ample to show that President Davis exhausted every available means of trying to end the war by negotiations consistent with the preservation of the independence of the Confederacy."

This is the gist of the whole matter, President Lincoln was willing to grant almost anything except the independence of the Confederacy, and Jeff Davis would have nothing else than the complete independence of the Southern Confederacy. The strong moral question is, How, in out for terms that it was impossible to grant? At the time of the Hampton Roads clared Si, as he smoothed the big sheets of Conference, we had virtually overrun fourfoolscap over his knee. "Listen, and I'll fifths of the territory of the Southern Conread it to you. It's to Shorty and me, federacy, and there could be no successful was the military man he is represented to have been, he must have clearly foreseer this, and therefore his holding out for im-possible terms exposed his people to in-

results. No matter what Mr. Reagan and other well known to everybody convicted Jeff it may be just what Ide do, if I was man- the issue, and as to the exact meaning of the terms granted, which would have been fruitful of trouble. Providence for His own purposes seems to have hardened Jeff Da-vis's heart as he did that of Pharaoh, so that the only terms in the final settle ment were those dictated by Grant at the point of the sword, which were that the Southern soldiers should go home and obey the laws, leaving those laws to be made b the victors.

The Vicksburg Herald makes Mr. Reagan's letter the text of a long defense of sponsibility of holding Richmond upon Gen. Lee, and later upon Gen. Longstreet who advised against evacuation, saying that to retreat would cost more men than Spring election, but is quieted down during a battle. It also quotes Gen. Breckinridge, plowing season, when folks' fields, fences the rebel Secretary of War, as saying,

> "We are simply being forced to the wall by the legitimate military consequences o enemy, which operation has been postponed longer than we have had reason to

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "There is no sadder topic of speculation, few less profitable, than the might-have beens of Life and History.

"The Confederacy was doomed in its cradle. If the immediate authors of its being had been, as over-zealous writ-ers on the Northern side sometimes represent them, a body of crafty conspira-tors, they would have made a better job of it. They would have more clearly and surely estimated the forces to it. In the beginning they would have constructed a fiscal system based on the kingly staple, which was thought to rule the world and did exercise a potent influence. They would, for they could, have bound England and France to the fortunes of the South, by cotton-ties, as it were, giving the Governments of those great manufac-